A GIFT FOR YOURSELF

If you were counting on someone to send you our peace calendar as a gift and were disappointed—don't fret, you can still buy one for yourself from us. We printed a record 20,000 and we have one left for the first 700 who want to treat themselves. (Or if you have one for yourself, why not put joy into a friend's life by giving our calendar). $1.50 each; $7 for five. Hurry!

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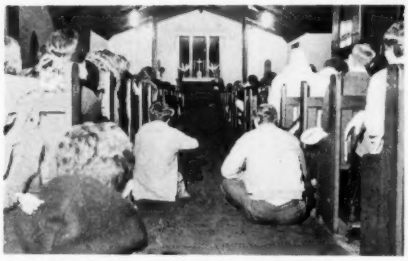
OUTSIDE INDUCTION CENTER

On December 5, WRL's day in New York City's Stop The Draft Week, 264 persons were arrested for sitting down at the Whitehall Street induction center. This photo, by Dan Hemenway, shows one group of sitdowners. At extreme right is WRL Chairman Edward Gottlieb. Protest demonstrations, featuring mobile tactics, continued throughout the week under sponsorship of a coalition group. The week opened with 88 young men handing in their draft cards at a meeting sponsored by The Resistance in a Brooklyn church.

INSIDE JAIL

This photo, taken by Diana J. Davies, is unusual because it is INSIDE jail, where picture-taking is "verboten." In the confusion of the mass arrests, police simply forgot to confiscate her camera when they frisked her. The photo shows the first arrested group being booked by the arresting officer. Among them are Dr. Benjamin Spock and Jim Peck. Also arrested on December 5 were WRL Field Secretary David McReynolds and WRL executive committee members Igal Roodenko and Robert Larsen.

From Los Angeles, Stan Kohls sent in this photo of WRL's Thanksgiving Day fast.



From Portland, Sandra Kaye sent in this photo of the December 4 church meeting at which 13 men under 26 and 10 older men handed-in their draft cards.

ENROLLMENT BLANK

Send to War Resisters League
5 Beekman Street, New York 38, N. Y.

WAR IS A CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY.
I THEREFORE AM DETERMINED NOT TO SUPPORT ANY KIND OF WAR, INTERNATIONAL OR CIVIL, AND TO STRIVE FOR THE REMOVAL OF ALL THE CAUSES OR WAR.

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occupation _____ *age* _____

WEST COAST ACTION

by Don Woodhull

During the first day of the San Francisco area Stop the Draft Week, December 18, 208 demonstrators were arrested, many for sitting in front of the Oakland Induction Center doors but most for sitting in long, thin lines in front of buses carrying inductees to the Center. As persons on one of these lines were being arrested another line would form. They, in turn, would have to be arrested before the buses could inch forward. This was repeated several times before the buses managed to reach the entrance. Then police cleared the doorways and the inductees were escorted inside. All the buses arrived at once that morning, so police took their time arresting demonstrators sitting in front of the two other doors.

The whole day's action was beautifully planned by the Civil Action Day Committee. There was no chanting by the 2,000 legal pickets. They sang Christmas carols all day. When the monitors called for complete silence, as the sitdowners were being arrested, the crowd responded without any hostility. Among those arrested the first day were many of the WRL staff including Jane Schulman, the office manager, and Lee Braun of the staff.

The second day's demonstration ended sooner than the first with 67 persons arrested including Joan Eaez, her mother, and Ira Sandperl. Also arrested was one of the chief organizers of this demonstration and a member of the WRL staff —Randy Kehler. This was his second arrest since he had participated in the October 16 demonstration. There were fewer legal pickets: around 500. The demonstration ended at 9 a.m. when most of those not arrested marched to the Oakland courthouse to witness the arraignment of Monday's arrestees. The judge —Delmar Brobst—put off the arraignment until late afternoon so many left. But the courtroom seats were all filled throughout the day.

The sentences were the same for those arrested on both days. Those having a prior arrest record at Oakland were given 90-day sentences with 45 days suspended on condition of good-behavior for a year. Persons receiving such a harsh sentence included Joan Baez and her mother, Randy Kehler, Dorothy Hill, Ira Sandperl, Dan Stofle, and 16 others. Those arrested for the first time in Oakland were given either 20 or 25-day sentences—depending on the particular charges against them. No one was allowed to give a statement concerning their reasons for getting arrested. One man tried to speak and immediately received 10 extra days for contempt of court.

Judge Delmar Brobst was mad and very harsh in his sentencing. He took this "affront on the court system" as a personal assault on himself and also on the laws of Oakland. *We're urging everyone concerned about the situation to write the judge at his home address: 12 Pala Ave., Piedmont, Calif. asking for a reduction of sentence, especially the 45 days—which is excessive for "disturbing the peace".*

The last word from Santa Rita jail is that the men are refusing to have their hair cut and beards shaven and have had all their privileges removed. The women also have been refused the privileges allowed other inmates but without explanation. Morale is high among both men and women. The last 45-day sentences will end February 2.

OUR DEEP THANKS

Because of our increased anti-war activity during the last few months of 1967 and the tremendous volume of calendar sales, the staff was unable to acknowledge the many contributions—large and small—which you sent. To save time and expense the staff takes this opportunity to express our deep thanks to all our contributors.

. . . AND APOLOGIES

December was a tough month at the office. The staff helped organize the anti-draft week—and three of us were arrested. The calendars were ever so late—and we worked late into the night to get out the back log of orders. On top of this—there were two thefts in the middle of the month . . . cash, checks, including orders for calendars, literature and subs to WIN. So, if you sent cash and you haven't received your order, please let us know and we will take care of it immediately. If you sent a check, look over your bank statement—and, if your check has not been cashed, stop payment and send us another with your order. And a happy new year to all!

VICE-CHAIRMAN JAILED

Five members of the N. Y. Workshop in Nonviolence—including Allan Solomonow, its coordinator, and Igal Roodenko, vice chairman of the WRL—were arrested on December 30 while attempting to picket the Soviet Mission to the U. N. in a protest against the jailing of dissenting Russian intellectuals and writers.

ATLANTA WORKSHOP IN NONVIOLENCE

A coalition of peace groups is being formed in Birmingham, Alabama, to plan a massive demonstration in that city for Saturday, March 2. There will most likely be march and rally downtown followed by a separate and smaller action involving civil disobedience at Fort McClelland later. As the peace movement in Birmingham is still in its infancy, if the demonstration is to be successful it will require regional help. Consequently the Atlanta Workshop is recruiting people to participate.

Gene Guerrero of the Atlanta Workshop refused induction on December 4 and another Workshopper, Tom Houck, is intending to refuse on some date in early February.

AFTER the Indictments, What?

by David McReynolds

WRL members should know that while the indictments of Rev. William Sloan Coffin, Michael Ferber, Mitchell Goodman, Mark Raskin and Dr. Benjamin Spock. are the most dramatic of repressive actions being taken, they are only part of the picture. Two of our own staff members, Dave Harris on the West Coast and Joe Kearns on the East Coast, have both been reclassified 1A and ordered to report for induction as a direct result of their actions in The Resistance —i.e., the return of their draft cards. (Both men destroyed their induction papers in public and are now awaiting indictment.) There are rumors that 21 or more new indictments are to be brought in—perhaps before this issue reaches you against adult supporters of The Resistance.

What do the indictments mean? This is hard to say because of the lack of any parallel in our recent history. The men now under indictment are part of the fabric of our society and in no sense on 'the fringe". Dr. Spock's name is a household word not because of his anti-war actions, but because of his books on how to raise children. Rev. Coffin is not a pacifist and even served briefly with the C.I.A. after the Korean War. He is the chaplain at Yale and his arrest strikes at both the academic and religious communities. Mark Raskin was an aide to the late President Kennedy, sufficiently trusted by the President that he sat in on meetings of the National Security Council. One thing the indictments point up is the fact that the war has now driven otherwise moderate and liberal spokesmen into a position of direct, radical disobedience aimed at the federal government.

"Keeping Our Cool"

The first thing we must do in response to the indictments is to keep our cool. Under no circumstances should we make the same error the Communist Party made in 1948, when it went underground. The peace movement is an open expression of the outraged conscience of this nation and it must remain fully open. One rarely wins a war by a series of retreats. The job of every pacifist is to continue his work—meeting openly, speaking freely, demonstrating publicly.

In this connection the Statement of Support enclosed with this issue of the WRL News should be given the widest possible circulation. We need 100,000 signers. In every town and city meetings should be held or ads run in the local papers in which a broad range of persons make it clear that they join these five men in urging open resistance to the war policies of the Johnson Administration. If the Administration thought it could intimidate or silence the peace movement through indicting its leaders, it must be proven wrong.

Johnson's Motive

However, the Administration may have had something else in mind. Walter Lippman has suggested that Johnson is deeply bothered by the fact he has lost control of the Senate, that opposition to his Vietnam policy is no longer limited to small pockets of radical opposition (such as the WRL) but now embraces Senators Kennedy, Fulbright, Morton, Case, Javits, Cooper, Mansfield, etc.—men who cannot be termed either mavericks or radicals. In an effort to avoid a serious debate with those elements of the establishment itself which oppose the war, he may be seeking, quite deliberately, to suggest that the real debate is not between Fulbright and himself, but between Dr. Spock and himself.

Thus Johnson may have brought in the indictments to say, publicly, "Look, *here* is where the opposition to the war is coming from—a baby doctor, a handful of half-baked college professors, and a lot of bearded kooks and drugged hippies". Our job is to make it clear to the general public that the indictments are merely a symbol of the massive opposition to the war. We must not permit the indictments to drive us into narrowing our base of support. Those who argue that our job now is to become steadily more radical, moving from dissent to resistance to revolution are overlooking the fact that we are not in a revolutionary situation. The question of whether revolutions should be violent or nonviolent is academic—we aren't going to have a revolution. Demonstrations that break down into mob actions merely reinforce Johnson's hand, permitting him to appear the beleaguered national leader seeking to uphold law and order.

Again, thinking tactically, we must keep the offensive. The indictments must not drive us into irrational or defensive actions. It is Johnson who got us into a major land war in Asia. It is Johnson who has violated his election promises and the Constitution and the U. N. Charter. It is Johnson who must be the focus of our disagreement with the war policy. We have got to get across the point that while the five men who have been indicted may have violated the law in technical ways, the real violator of the law is the President himself.

Positive Effects

Let's turn now and examine two effects the indictments have had on the peace movement—effects Johnson almost certainly did not intend. First, in the twinkling of an indictment, the generation gap was closed. Before the indictments there was something suspect about those of us past draft age who went about the campuses of this nation urging young men to resist the draft. After all, *we* weren't going to jail. Now very suddenly those of us past draft age have been united with those of draft age by the fact that we, too, may have to go to prison.We—the "older generation"—are no longer above the battle, beyond reach of the courts. Johnson unwittingly brought a new solidarity and fraternity to us all.

Second, he has weakened that wing of the peace movement which served him best. Johnson's greatest asset may well have been the "militant" wing which has lost faith in non-violence, feels civil disobedience to be middle class, and which advocates a kind of guerilla war in the streets of our city. Those who, in the course of demonstrations, jumped on car hoods, hurled trash cans in the street, threw bottles at the cops, etc., have been winning a slowly increasing following among young radicals because the nonviolent approach seemed to have no effect on Washington. We had reached the point where, when the WRL organized mass civil disobedience at induction centers in Oakland and New York, those demonstrations were derided as "traditional"!

"Militant" demonstrations may leave some of us feeling good because we have discharged our feelings of helplessness and frustration and anger, but they proved of value to Johnson. It is significant that Johnson's popularity rose sharply after the Pentagon demonstration, where the press had unfairly concentrated on the limited violence that took place, ignoring the fact that most of the demonstrators were peaceful and remained peaceful under attack by federal marshalls and troops.

A Note on Demonstrations

Now Johnson has had to admit that what really bothers him is not the call for guerilla war, but the quiet, determ-

ined call to resist the draft. It turns out that the "traditionalists", the "middle class" supporters of civil disobedience and nonviolent action, have posed the greater problem. (A parenthetical word on demonstrations is in order here. There are those who feel that *all* demonstrations, no matter how gentle, create more public antagonism than converts—that they are counter-productive. I think this is a mistaken view because it fails to take into account the fact that *whenever* one tries to change society there will be great antagonism, regardless of the methods used. The public never likes to be forced to confront problems it would rather ignore and its first—and invariable—reaction is hostility to the person or group that raises the issue. The radical cannot help but create antagonism—his job, however, is to minimize such antagonism so far as possible. A "backlash" is inevitable but our job, is to contain and limit the "backlash".

(There are two kinds of demonstrations, one being a demonstration to bring an evil to public view—picketing, leafleting, etc., and the other being a demonstration aimed at actually creating physical dislocation in certain specific parts of the social machinery. An example of the first kind of demonstration was last April 15th. An example of the second kind of demonstration was the physical blocking of induction centers last October and December. Both actions certainly created hostility but both demonstrations "made sense". People might not like to see us sitting in front of induction centers, but our reason for being there was obvious. However when demonstrations aim at the whole of society in a random way, such actions are not so easily defended because they cannot so easily be explained to the man in the street. If one tells the man in the street that we sit at induction centers to have boys from being killed, he may disagree but he can see the point of our action. If, however, we decide we need "guerilla war" in the cities and start jumping on car hoods, or spilling trash baskets and if we "explain" these actions by saying the war in Vietnam is evil, we are going to get few converts from the general public—certainly not from the man driving the car on whose hood we are jumping!

(The insight of nonviolence is the fact that while it realizes there will be public hostility to demonstrations, it seeks to keep that hostility to a minimum by accepting as much of the violence as possible upon itself. Violent actions unite society against the demonstrating minority. Nonviolent actions divide the community between those who want harsher police action and those who want to deal with the problem that causes the disorder. If we are seriously trying to change society then we must not only confront evil, but try, in the process of that confrontation, to divide our opposition and minimize the backlash.)

The Year Ahead

Let's look at the indictments in terms of our work not just in the month to come, but in terms of the year ahead. Our immediate job is to rally support behind those indicted. But our long range job is different and far more difficult. Most of us have been working on the Vietnam issue for so long that we make the mistake of thinking that "everyone knows what the protests are about". Not so—to millions of Americans our demonstrations, draft card burnings, etc., seem to be some kind of private drama, a strange war between a small group of professors and students on the one hand, and President Johnson on the other hand.

Certainly Americans are tired of the war and tired of Johnson. What we may not realize is that *they are equally tired of us*, of our noise and demonstrations. We have failed to make it clear to most of the men and women in the street that *they* are affected by the war, that *they* are being hurt by Johnson's policies. Therefore let us keep in mind that our long range goal is still what it has been for several years—to educate the general public. Demonstrations are not only important, they are imperative if we are to get people thinking about the issues. But unless we follow up the drama of demonstrations with the quiet work of community education we have failed completely.

It is not enough to block induction centers and go to jail. We must then explain to our friends and our community *why* we did so and *why they should join us*. There is nothing wrong about reminding people that their own interests are affected by the war — their tax rate, their travel plans, their children's future, their prospects for better medical care or decent public housing. For those of us with a middle class background, and the security that goes with that, morality may seem the only valid issue. "The war is wrong because it is wrong," etc. But as Brecht reminded us in *Three Penny Opera* there are many people who have such immediate problems that they have no time for great moral impulses. People must know how the war affects *them*. Last year the WRL issued a leaflet on the proposed 10% tax increase for mass distribution. The leaflet didn't go over well with our membership because it discussed things as "material" as the fact that spending for the war meant less money for schools, housing, and household appliances. But if we are going to reach people, we have to reach them where *they* are. Perhaps we forget that morality itself is based on a kind of "material concern"—that is, people should be good because being good results in a more delightful life than being evil. No one urges moral behavior on the grounds that moral behavior will make life more painful and agonizing than it already is. Jesus spoke, again and again, of the liberation his gospel would bring to his followers, and placed the "suffering" of his followers within that context. Gandhi dealt with the day to day problems of the Indian peasant, and did not make the mistake of thinking he could liberate India with abstract moral slogans.

The WRL maintains a good stock of Vietnam material, leaflets, pamphlets, books, and tapes dealing with the war, how it began, how it might be ended. Write for a list of these materials. Use them in your community. Make up local leaflets to meet local needs and problems. Organize groups in your community, on your campus, in your religious group, your trade union, etc. If you need ideas write for our little leaflet listing 19 different things you can do in your community to end the war.

Our Special Contribution

Finally, it is important for the pacifist to make a special contribution to the peace movement which no other group will make. We must make it clear that we are not just against *this* war, but war itself. We are against all violence, even violence in a good cause. Our concern with tactics must not cause us to forget our long range task. Approaching our neighbors and our community at their own level of concern does not mean that we hide *our* deepest concerns. Our anger is not against Johnson but against the institution of war and exploitation. Our response to the indictments and to the jailing of friends and co-workers may at first be bitter — we are human — but let us keep in mind that even if the five men indicted do go to prison they will suffer less than Johnson has already suffered. Dave Harris and Joe Kearns will almost certainly be jailed, but they are freer than the men who place them there, for they are, in an ultimate sense, in charge of their own lives, while the judges and prosecutors are trapped within a framework and can't get out. Our ultimate response, therefore, to the government's move to indict some of the leaders of the movement is to hold steady to the course we have chosen, acting without fear or hysteria or bitterness.

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

Enclosed with this issue of the WRL News is a "Statement of Support" for the five indicted men, Spock, Coffin, Goodman, Ferber and Raskin. A nationwide campaign is now underway, supported by virtually all peace groups, to secure 100,000 signers to this declaration. Circulate this statement in your community, among friends, and at meetings. Write for additional copies. Return these statements as soon as possible to our office.

WRL BACKS INDICTED MEN

The War Resisters League is pleased to stand beside Dr. Benjamin Spock and the others indicted with him and take their full share of responsibility for the draft resistance and anti-war counselling they have given. While we have been traditionally opposed to all wars since our founding in 1923, including World War II and the Korean War, we have long since felt that this misadventure in Vietnam has turned into such an unmitigated horror that our conscience could not rest solely on a pacifist disavowal. We, therefore, undertook to resist its cancerous hold upon the American people at every level of our command in personal and organizational resources.

First we labeled it a "Dirty War". Then we marched and protested. We put our bodies down at the source of flow of napalm, helicopters, missiles and all other forms of killer power including human cannon fodder. Finally we were driven to speak directly to the hearts of young men who are being led to slaughter and moral debauchery. In a Declaration of Conscience which we, in company with other pacifist organizations issued and publicized in 1965, the WRL counselled and urged young men to resist the draft and refuse to go. We helped others to turn their draft cards in and to stage a symbolic draft card burning ceremony at Union Square, New York and other places around the country.

The War Resisters League is gratified that Dr. Spock, Rev. William Sloane Coffin, Jr., Mitchell Goodman, Michael Ferber, and Mark Raskin have compelled our war-bent administration in Washington to face the full moral implication of this war in Vietnam. We are glad to join them in this act of patriotism addressed to the American conscience. We are confident this conscience will speak out with such compelling force and attention that our people will reaffirm their traditional ideals of self-determination for all nations and withdraw from the horrendous morass we have made of Vietnam.

EDWARD GOTTLIEB

MERGER OF CNVA AND WRL

This issue was to have carried a joint statement by the Executive Committees of both the Committee for Nonviolent Action and the War Resisters League, announcing the merger of these two organizations into the framework of the War Resisters League.

The merger has, in fact, taken place. C.N.V.A. ceased to exist at the end of 1967. Four members of the C.N.V.A. National Committee have been added to the WRL Executive Committee and WRL has taken over publication of WIN magazine. Uuhappily, a series of events, ranging from the massive induction center protests in early December, through the indictments discussed in this issue, and the jailing of several staff persons or leading officers, has thrown us off schedule and the joint statement is not ready. (Igal Roodenko, our vice-Chairman, was in jail for several days as a result of his arrest at the Soviet Mission, David McReynolds served five days for his part in the December 5th draft protest, and as this goes to press our editor, Jim Peck, is serving two weeks for his part in the December 5th protests).

From New York to Puerto Rico to Calif. WRL Leaders Act Against Draft

THE FIGHT CONTINUES

On January 11, a few days after the indictments of Spock and the others were handed down by a Federal grand jury, a press conference coordinated by Dave McReynolds was held at the Overseas Press Club in New York not only to express solidarity with the five indicted men, but also to engage in a direct act of complicity with draft resistance.

Speakers were Paul Goodman, Dwight Macdonald, Stewart Meacham, Muriel Rukeyser, Father David Kirk, Grace Paley, Conor Cruse O'Brien, Susan Sontag, Edward Gottlieb and Mitch Goodman, one of those indicted.

After the brief talks David Osher, a 24 year old Graduate student of American History at Columbia University, married with a II-S deferment, an Eagle Scout and the holder of an American Legion Citizenship Award, turned his draft card over to Paul Goodman and the other adults at the conference who mailed it on to the Attorney General with a letter which read in part: "We return this card to you as an indication of our full and direct support to David Osher in his refusal to serve in the United States armed forces at this time." Then Jim Forest, co-chairman of the Catholic Peace Fellowship, stepped forward and tore up his draft card, which was also mailed to the Attorney General.

Later that week on Sunday night a meeting was held at Town Hall to express solidarity with Spock and the others. At least 1500 people turned out in the rain to listen to Mitch Goodman, Mike Ferber (a 24 year old Harvard graduate student who was also indicted), Douglas Dowd of Cornell University and several young men facing induction. Again, the significance of the meeting lay in the action—about 500 of those in the audience filed on stage to sign their names to a statement of complicity and give money to the Resistance as an act of direct support.

On January 3, his scheduled induction date, Joseph Kearns, WRL youth secretary, burned his induction order in conjunction with a demonstration by The Resistance at the U. S. court house in New York City.

At the same site, on October 16, he handed-in his draft card along with 185 other young men. When U. S. officials locked the doorways and refused to accept a box containing the cards, they were packaged and mailed to Washington.

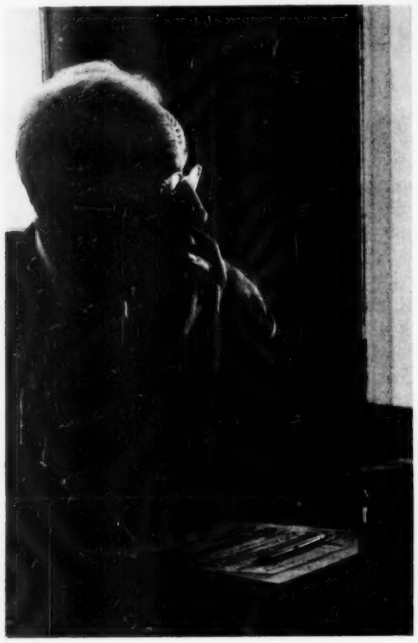
For Kearns, the consequence was that, desipte the fact that he had secured his CO classification, he was ruled delinquent and reclassified 1A.

Father Thomas Dorney, a leader of the WRL group in Puerto Rico, publicly mailed his duplicate draft card to Selective Service Director Lewis Hershey on December 14. He presently is teaching at the Colegio San Ignacio in Rio Piedras.

The duplicate card had been sent him by his draft board in Poughkeepsie, New York, after he had turned in his original card.

On January 17th Dave Harris, West Coast field secretary for the WRL, tore up his induction notice in front off the Oakland induction center before a crowd of four hundred supporters. Harris was formerly the Student Body President at Stanford University before becoming one of the leaders of the Resistance.

A. J. MUSTE — A LIVING FORCE



Just a year ago, on February 11, 1967, A. J. Muste died. His influence has not diminished but has grown as his lifetime of witness and struggle for reconciliation and justice appears ever more relevent. The WRL has the following materials, some of which are now available for the first time.

LITERATURE

Essays of A. J. Muste, edited by Nat Hentoff, (regularly $10), special—$7.00

Peace Agitator:Biography of A. J. Mute by Nat Hentoff, special—$3.00

WIN Magazine's Special Memorial issue—(limited number)—25¢

Liberation Magazine's Memorial Issue—80 pages. $1.50

A. J. MUSTE MEMORIAL TAPES

Robert Calese has brought together four tape recordings that make up the A. J. Muste Memorial Series. The complete set of monoral, two-track, 3¾ ips tapes is $20. In an early mailing the full list of all WRL tapes available will be sent to the membership. In the meantime, for information on any or all of the tapes in this Memorial series, please write the WRL office.

. . . AND IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS

There have been several requests by members for a copy of this photo of A. J. Muste. The photograph, taken by David McReynolds, is available for $1 each. The photo is about 8½ by 10 inches, on double weight semi-glossy paper.

TAX RESISTANCE '68

The slogan that's moving the movement nowadays is "From dissent to resistance." Thousands of young men have acted on this and turned in or burned their draft cards. Now they are facing years of imprisonment. Adults have demonstrated their support in various significant ways. They have signed complicity statements, given money to the Resistance. They even have taken to the streets and attempted to block the doors of induction centers. Increasingly they are moving to *parallel* actions whereby they also confront the federal government. One of the most important areas for this confrontation is tax resistance.

A. J. Muste once pointed out that "the two decisive powers of the government with respect to war are the power to conscript and the power to tax." The paying of taxes amounts to tacit support of the war, providing the financial backing for the men who chose not to resist the draft. Because of this, WRL has decided to push hard on the question of tax resistance. One staff member Maris Cakars, is working full time on this campaign to coordinate it, to produce literature about it, to counsel tax resisters, etc. This is the first time that the tax resistance movement has had a full time person and the first time that the campaign has gotten underway so early.

Soon WRL will begin placing advertisements about tax resistance in various national publications. WRL members are urged to do the same in their local or campus newspapers. Samples of these ads are available from the office. Members can also bone up on the various forms of tax resistance and make it known throughout their area that they do tax resistance counseling. But most important is to talk to everyone you know, to talk in the organizations in which you are active, to see that the tax leaflets reach as many people as possible.

Meanwhile the telephone tax refusal campaign continues. WRL has the names of over 1100 refusers and more continue to come in daily. Our estimate is that well over 3,000 are actually refusing to pay that tax.

The *N. Y. Post* reported on Jan. 16 in a story headlined "War Foes Dial No on Phone Excise Tax" that a spokesman for the American Telephone and Telegraph Company had said that it is not their policy to discontinue phone service. In fact, he added, "we would like to see the tax go. We feel it is an added burden to our customers." The article went on to point out that AT&T had even higher figures than the League for the Number of people refusing. The *Post* did not report on how many people who get their telephones from the General Telephone and Telegraph Company or any of the other independents are refusing to pay.

A report on latest developments in the phone tax refusal campaign and the Internal Revenue Service procedures for collecting unpaid taxes has been prepared by the WRL staff. If you have not received one that means that we do not have you listed as a refuser. Copies are available free of charge from the WRL.

TAX RESISTANCE MATERIALS

Leaflets

tax resistance leaflets . . .
single copies free, $1.50 per 100

telephone tax leaflets . . .
single copies free, $1.50 per 100

Cards . . .

. . . explaining the telephone tax refusal, for insertion with monthly bill payments 50¢ for 12

Buttons . . .

. . . with the slogan "Resist Vietnam War Taxes" 25¢, $1 for 5

Stickers . . .

. . . with the slogan "Resist Vietnam War Taxes"
$1 for-a packet of 70

Pamphlet

The Handbook on Nonpayment of War Taxes . . . . . 35¢

MARCH 2-3 TAX WEEKEND

The WRL and New England CNVA are holding a weekend conference/seminar/meeting on tax resistance at the New England CNVA farm in Voluntown, Conn. on the weekend of March 2-3. Everyone with questions about tax resistance or interest in helping to organize it should attend. Let CNVA know you're coming by writing to RFD 1, Box 197B, Voluntown, Conn.

MEMO TO THE CAMPUS

The WRL maintains a special campus mailing list. If you are a student or professor, please let us know and you will get occasional special mailings that relate to peace work on the campus.

FEBRUARY 24-25 CONFERENCE

Responding to a dozen or more requests for help in setting up local WRL groups along the East Coast, the staff is calling for a one and possibly two day working conference at its headquarters in Manhattan. The Conference is *not* for WRL members in Manhattan itself—they should work directly with the existing WRL affiliate, the Workshop in Nonviolence. This is for persons in Boston, Utica, Philadelphia, New Haven, etc., who want to meet together to discuss how to set up effective local pacifiist groups. *Please write us for complete information.*